



PULSE

EPISODE 1

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The Heart—one of the most vital organs in the human body.



If you only knew the things that small, yet amazing, organ is capable of doing, you may be surprised.



It's only $\frac{3}{4}$ th the size of a fist, and yet it contains enough force to pump 4.7-5.7 litres of blood throughout the body per minute.



Beating approximately 72 times while doing so. If the average lifespan of a human being is 55 years, then their heart would have beaten over an astounding 2.5 billion times.



In addition, it works independently - or rather, the cardiac muscle is stimulated through electrical conduction, out of voluntary control of the mind, that is to say, it's completely involuntary and works by itself.



HFF

What's strange is that, this small organ has also gotten itself involved with this story of love.



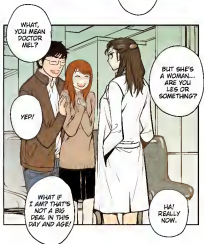
UM... EXCUSE
ME, DOCTOR
MEL...

THE
DEPARTMENT
MEETING IS
SCHEDULED
FOR THIS
AFTERNOON...



OH...
ALRIGHT.
THANK YOU.







I...THINK
IT'D BE BEST
NOT TO GET
INVOLVED
WITH HER.

HUH?
WHY DO
YOU SAY
THAT?

WELL...
FROM WHAT
I HEAR...
DOCTOR MEL
ISNT YOUR
TYPICAL
RUN-OF-THE-MILL
WOMAN...



A LOT OF
THE NURSES
- AND EVEN
DOCTORS -
HAVE GOTTEN
INTO A
RELATIONSHIP
WITH HER...

BUT SHE
NEVER REALLY
DATES ANY
OF THEM
SERIOUSLY.



OOOH...
NO
KIDDING...

LOOKS TO ME
LIKE SHE'S
A BIT OF
A PLAYER, IN
THAT REGARD.



I MEAN, SHE'S
A LESBIAN,
SO...

SHE PROBABLY
ISNT INTO
SERIOUS
RELATIONSHIPS
ANYWAY. ISNT
REALLY AFRAID
TO BREAK SOME
HEARTS HERE
AND THERE,
YOU KNOW.

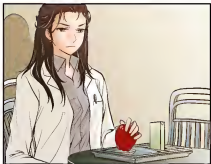


YOU'D BE
BETTER OFF
NOT TURNING
INTO ONE
OF HER
PLAYTHINGS.



EVEN IF
DATING GIRLS
ISNT AS
SERIOUS AS
IT IS WITH
GUYS...

IF YOU CROSS
WHATEVER
INVISIBLE LINE
SHE'S DRAWN THEN
YOU'LL JUST END
UP HURTING
YOURSELF
NEEDLESSLY
IN THE END.





!!



YOU WOULDN'T MIND IF I TOOK THIS SEAT, WOULD YOU, DOCTOR?



OH, NO, BE MY GUEST. WHO COULD TURN DOWN A PRETTY LADY SUCH AS YOURSELF?

MY MY... A SWEET-TALKER AS ALWAYS, DOCTOR.



IS THAT ALL YOU'RE HAVING FOR LUNCH? DOES THAT GIVE YOU ENOUGH ENERGY TO LAST THE DAY?

OH, I'VE GOTTEN USED TO EATING JUST THIS MUCH. I DON'T PARTICULARLY ENJOY FEELING STUFFED.

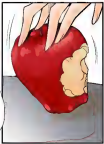


AND... WHAT ABOUT SWEETS, DOCTOR? DO YOU LIKE SWEETS?

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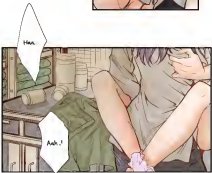


CRUNCH



WITH PLEASURE.







IS
TRANSFERRING
AT THE END OF
THIS MONTH.

SEEMS LIKE
DOCTOR DAVE
FROM THE
PEDIATRICS
DEPARTMENT



SO NOW HIS
COLLEAGUES
ARE PLANNING
ON HOSTING
A FAREWELL
PARTY OR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

MAYBE WE
COULD ATTEND
IT TOGETHER.
IF YOU'RE NOT
TOO BUSY
THIS FRIDAY?



THANKS
FOR THE
INVITATION.

BUT I
THINK I'LL
PASS.

I DON'T
LIKE CROWDS.
ANYWAYS
I ALREADY SEE
ENOUGH OF THAT
BUNCH ROAMING
AROUND DURING
MY SHIFTS.



OH, AND...
DON'T FOLLOW
ME OUT JUST
YET. STAY HERE
FOR A BIT
BEFORE GOING
BACK OUT
THERE.

Tch

WHAT A
PAIN IN THE
ASS...!!





*"Loving with
your heart?"
No, that's
nonsense to
me.*



*That throbbing
pain you get
in your chest
when things
don't go well...
"heartbreak."*

*That's nothing
but your body
releasing a
bunch of
chemicals
in response
to rejection.*



*This specific
kind of pain
I feel...*



*...merely comes from
understanding
that and
preventing
the body from
releasing the
endorphins
that give you
"happiness"...*



*...and
phenethylamine.
The "Love Drug"
chemical.*



Once the body stops releasing these chemicals into your system, your mind will be able to accept and tolerate the pain... because there's nothing left to hold it back.





If you don't want to fall prey to your own emotions...



All you have to do is stay above them and take them by the horns.



It's always more favorable to become the hunter than to end up as the hunted.



